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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula

$$(R^{1})_{m} \xrightarrow{X-Y} (CH_{2})_{q} \xrightarrow{R^{4}} R^{6} \xrightarrow{R^{6}} (R^{9})_{t}$$

$$(R^{2})_{n} (R^{2})_{n} (I)$$

wherein

m is 0[[,]] or 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each R independently represents halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl,

 C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy or sulphonamido;

X represents a bond; Y represents -O-, Z represents -CH₂;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

each R²-independently represents halogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

q is 1;

 R^3 represents -NHC(O) R^{10} [[,]] or -C(O) $NR^{11}R^{12}$ or -COOR $\frac{12a}{3}$;

 R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom;

R⁸ represents a hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl group;

t is 0[[,]] or 1 or 2;

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each R^9 independently represents halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, carboxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from carboxyl and C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl;

R¹⁰ represents a group C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, adamantyl, C₅-C₆ cycloalkenyl, phenyl or a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring system comprising at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, each of which may be optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from nitro, hydroxyl, oxo, halogen, carboxyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl and -NHC(O)-R¹³, or

R¹⁰ represents a group –NR¹⁴R¹⁵ or –O-R¹⁶;

 R^{11} and R^{12} each independently represent (i) a hydrogen atom, (ii) a 3- to 6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring optionally comprising at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and optionally further comprising a bridging group, the ring being optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from halogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl and C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl,

(iii) a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from halogen, amino, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, carboxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylcarbonylamino and a 3- to 6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring optionally comprising at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and optionally further comprising a bridging group, the ring being optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from halogen, hydroxyl, oxo, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl and C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, or (iv) C_1 - C_6 alkylsulphonyl,

or

R¹¹ and R¹² together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4- to 7-membered saturated heterocyclic ring that optionally further comprises a ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom and that is optionally fused to a benzene ring to form a 8- to 11-membered ring system, the

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heterocyclic ring or ring system being optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from halogen, hydroxyl, amido, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, di- C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, C_1 - C_6 alkylaminocarbonyl, di- C_1 - C_6 alkylaminocarbonyl, phenyl, halophenyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyloxy and hydroxydiphenylmethyl;

R^{12a}-represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆-alkyl group;

R¹³ represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl, amino or phenyl group;

 R^{14} and R^{15} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, or a group C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulphonyl, phenyl or a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring system comprising at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, each group being optionally substituted as defined above for R^{10} , or

R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4- to 7-membered saturated heterocyclic ring that optionally further comprises a ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom, the heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by at least one hydroxyl; and

 R^{16} represents a hydrogen atom, or a group C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl or a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring system comprising at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, each group being optionally substituted as defined above for R^{10} ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein t is 1 and R^9 is located in the *para* position with respect to R^3 .

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7. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 selected from:

 $2-(\{(2S)-3-[(5-Chloro-3H-spiro[1-benzofuran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-4'-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl\}oxy)-4-hydroxy-$ *N*-methylbenzamide,

N-2-({(2S)-3-[5-Chloro-3H-spiro[1-benzofuran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-4'-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}oxy)-4-fluorophenyl]acetamide,

2-({(2S)-3-[(5-Chloro-3*H*-spiro[1-benzofuran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-4'-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}oxy)-*N*-methylbenzamide,

N-[2-({(2S)-3-[(5-Chloro-3H-spiro[1-benzofuran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-4'-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}oxy)-4-hydroxyphenyl]acetamide,

N-[2-({(2S)-3-[(5-Chloro-3H-spiro[1-benzofuran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-4'-yl)amino]-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl}oxy)-4-hydroxyphenyl]acetamide (trifluoro acetate), and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of any one thereof.

- 8. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined in claim 1 which comprises,
- (a) reacting a compound of formula

$$\begin{array}{c|c} X-Y & \stackrel{(CH_2)_q}{\longrightarrow} & NH_2 \\ \hline (R^1)_m & \stackrel{(R^2)_n}{\longrightarrow} & (II) \end{array}$$

wherein m, R¹, n, R², q, X, Y and Z are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of formula

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wherein R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, t and R⁹ are as defined in formula (I); or

(b) reacting a compound of formula

$$X-Y \xrightarrow{(CH_2)_q} N \xrightarrow{R^4} O \xrightarrow{R^6} R^7$$

$$(R^1)_m (R^2)_n$$

wherein m, R¹, n, R², q, X, Y, Z, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of formula

HO
$$(R^9)_t$$

wherein R^3 , t and R^9 are as defined in formula (I), in the presence of a suitable base; or (c) when R^3 represents -NHC(O) R^{10} , reacting a compound of formula

$$(R^{1})_{m} \xrightarrow{X-Y} (CH_{2})_{q} \xrightarrow{R^{4}} HO \xrightarrow{R^{6}} R^{7}O \xrightarrow{NH_{2}} (R^{9})_{t}$$

$$(R^{2})_{n} (VI)$$

wherein m, R^1 , n, R^2 , q, X, Y, Z, R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , t and R^9 are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of formula

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 $L^1 \longrightarrow R^{10}$

wherein L¹ represents a leaving group and R¹⁰ is as defined in formula (I); or

(d) when R³ represents -C(O)NR¹¹R¹², reacting a compound of formula

$$(R^{1})_{m}$$

$$X-Y$$

$$(R^{2})_{n}$$

$$(R^{2})_{n}$$

$$(R^{2})_{n}$$

$$(VIII)$$

wherein L^2 represents a leaving group and m, R^1 , n, R^2 , q, X, Y, Z, R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , t and R^9 are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of formula (IX), NHR¹¹R¹², wherein R¹¹ and R¹² are as defined in formula (I); or

(e) when R³ represents -NHC(O)R¹⁰, R¹⁰ represents -NR¹⁴R¹⁵ and R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ both represent hydrogen, reacting a compound of formula (VI) as defined in (c) above with potassium cyanate;

and optionally after (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate.

- 9. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.
- 10. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 9 which comprises mixing a compound of formula (I) or a

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pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof as claimed in claim 1 with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Withdrawn) A method of treating a disease or condition in which modulation of

chemokine receptor activity is beneficial, the method comprising administering to a patient in

need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a

pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) A method of treating rheumatoid arthritis, the method comprising

administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of

formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

14. (Withdrawn) A method of treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the method

comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a

compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Withdrawn) A method of treating asthma, the method comprising administering to a

patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a

pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

16. (Withdrawn) A method of treating multiple sclerosis, the method comprising

administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a

pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

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17. (Withdrawn) A method of treating an inflammatory disease which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

- 18. (Withdrawn) A method of treating an airways disease which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.
- 19. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl.
- 20. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is fluoro, chloro, methyl, or trifluoromethyl.
- 21. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is chloro.
- 22 (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁹ is halogen, hydroxyl, carboxyl, methyl, methoxy, methoxycarbonyl or trifluoromethyl.
- 23. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^9 is halogen or hydroxyl.
- 24. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^{10} is a group C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or phenyl, each of which may be optionally substituted by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy.

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25. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^{10} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, which may be optionally substituted by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy.

- 26. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^{10} is unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl.
- 27. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently, hydrogen or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group optionally substituted by a substituent selected from amino, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_2 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_2 alkylcarbonylamino and a 3- to 6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring optionally comprising one or two ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen and oxygen and optionally further comprising a bridging group, the ring being optionally substituted with at least one substituent independently selected from oxo and C_1 - C_2 alkyl.
- 28. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently, hydrogen or an unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl group.
- 29. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein:

m is 1;

 R^{10} is a group C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or phenyl, each of which may be optionally substituted by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, C_1 - C_6 , preferably C_1 - C_4 , alkyl and C_1 - C_6 , preferably C_1 - C_4 , alkoxy; and

 R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently, hydrogen or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group optionally substituted by a substituent selected from amino, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy,

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 C_1 - C_2 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_2 alkylcarbonylamino and a 3- to 6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring optionally comprising one or two ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen and oxygen and optionally further comprising a bridging group, the ring being optionally substituted with at least one substituent independently selected from oxo and C_1 - C_2 alkyl.

- 30. (New) A compound according to claim 29, wherein R¹ is halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₁-C₆ haloalkyl.
- 31. (New) A compound according to claim 29, wherein R¹ is halogen.
- 32. (New) A compound according to claim 29, wherein R¹ is fluoro, chloro, methyl, or trifluoromethyl.
- 33. (New) A compound according to claim 29, wherein R¹ is chloro.
- 34 (New) A compound according to claim 29 or 32, wherein R⁹ is halogen, hydroxyl, carboxyl, methyl, methoxy, methoxycarbonyl or trifluoromethyl.
- 35. (New) A compound according to claim 29 or 32, wherein R⁹ is halogen or hydroxyl.
- 36. (New) A compound according to claim 29 or 32, wherein R^{10} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, which may be optionally substituted by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy.
- 37. (New) A compound according to claim 36, wherein R^{10} is unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

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38. (New) A compound according to claim 29 or 32, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently, hydrogen or an unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl group.

- 39. (New) A compound according to claim 29 or 32, wherein:
- R^9 is halogen, hydroxyl, carboxyl, methyl, methoxy, methoxycarbonyl or trifluoromethyl;

 R^{10} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, which may be optionally substituted by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy; and R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently, hydrogen or an unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl group.

- 40. (New) A compound according to claim 39, wherein R⁹ is halogen or hydroxyl.
- 41. (New) A compound according to claim 39, wherein R^{10} is unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl.
- 42. (New) A compound according to claim 39, wherein R^9 is halogen or hydroxyl and R^{10} is unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl.